

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and listings:

1. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical implant having a connector element, said connector element including an element selected from the group consisting of (1) a female connector element and (2) a male connector element, said male and female connector elements being respectively shaped such as to be snappingly attachable to each other.
2. (Currently Amended) A surgically-implantable rhinoplastic augment that has a connector element, said connector element including an element selected from the group consisting of (1) a female connector element and (2) a male connector element, said male and female connector elements being respectively shaped such as to be snappingly attachable to each other.
3. (Currently Amended) A surgically-implantable rhinoplastic augment according to Claim 2, wherein said rhinoplastic augment is a button.
4. (Currently Amended) A surgically-implantable rhinoplastic augment according to Claim 2, wherein said rhinoplastic augment is a dorsal augment.
5. (Currently Amended) A surgically-implantable rhinoplastic augment according to Claim 4, wherein said dorsal augment has a nipple, medially located, as said connector element.

6. (Currently Amended) A surgically-implantable rhinoplastic augment according to Claim 4, wherein said dorsal augment has a nipple, inferiorly located, as said connector element.

7. (Currently Amended) A surgically-implantable rhinoplastic augment according to Claim 2, wherein said augment is a tip.

8. (Currently Amended) A surgically-implantable rhinoplastic augment according to Claim 2, wherein said rhinoplastic augment is a bilateral tip.

9. (Currently Amended) A surgically-implantable rhinoplastic augment according to Claim 2, wherein said rhinoplastic augment includes two tips and a Y-shaped strut connected to said two tips.

10. (Currently Amended) A surgically-implantable rhinoplastic augment according to Claim 2, wherein said rhinoplastic augment is a heart-shaped augment.

11. (Currently Amended) A surgically-implantable rhinoplastic augment according to Claim 2, wherein said rhinoplastic augment is a nasal vault reconstruction module.

12. (Currently Amended) A surgically-implantable rhinoplastic augment according to Claim 2, wherein said rhinoplastic augment is a septal perforation module.

13. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic strut that has at least one connector element, said connector element including an element selected from the group consisting of (1) a female connector element and (2) a male connector element, said male and female

connector elements being respectively shaped such as to be snappingly attachable to each other.

14. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic strut according to Claim 13, having at least one said female connector element.

15. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic strut according to Claim 13, having at least one said male connector element.

16. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic strut according to Claim 14, also having at least one plain hole.

17. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic strut according to Claim 15, also having at least one plain hole.

18. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic strut having a first portion and a second portion, said first portion having at least one connector element, said connector element including an element selected from the group consisting of (1) a female connector element and (2) a male connector element, and said male and female connector elements being respectively shaped such as to be snappingly attachable to each other, and said second portion extending in a first direction and not having such connector elements.

19. (Currently Amended) A surgical kit for rhinoplasty, including at least one rhinoplastic surgical implant having a connector element, said connector element including an element selected from the group consisting of (1) a female connector element and (2) a male connector element, said male and female connector elements being respectively shaped such as to be snappingly attachable to each other.

20. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgically-implantable connector system that includes a female connector element and a male connector element, said male and female connector elements being respectively shaped such as to be snappingly attachable to each other.

21. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical implant, for implantation into a patient in a rhinoplastic procedure, comprising [[an]] a rhinoplastic augment module and a strut permanently secured to each other.

22. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical implant according to Claim 21, wherein said strut is permanently secured to said rhinoplastic augment module by being received in a portion of said rhinoplastic augment module shaped to receive said strut.

23. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical implant according to Claim 22, wherein said rhinoplastic augment module comprises a tip.

24. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical implant according to Claim 22, wherein said rhinoplastic augment module comprises a bilateral tip.


25. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical implant according to Claim 22, wherein said rhinoplastic augment module comprises two tips, and said strut is a Y-shaped strut.

26. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical implant according to Claim 22, wherein said rhinoplastic augment module comprises a heart-shaped module.

27. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical implant according to Claim 21, wherein said rhinoplastic augment module comprises a mesh element.

28. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical implant according to Claim 27, wherein said mesh element is a bony upper and middle one-third nasal collapse module.

29. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical implant according to Claim 28, wherein said bony upper and middle one-third nasal collapse module is a bilateral module.

 30. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical implant according to Claim 28, wherein said bony upper and middle one-third nasal collapse module is a unilateral module.

31. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical implant according to Claim 21, wherein said rhinoplastic augment is a nasal vault reconstruction module.

32. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical implant according to Claim 21, wherein said rhinoplastic augment is a septal perforation module.

33. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical kit comprising a first rhinoplastic surgical implant having a first connector element, and a second rhinoplastic surgical implant having a second connector element, said first and second connector elements being adapted to engage each other in such manner as to secure themselves together.

34. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical kit according to Claim 33, wherein said first and second connector elements are shaped to fit together in a mechanical engagement to secure themselves together.

35. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical kit according to Claim 34, wherein said first and second connector elements are shaped to fit together snappingly to secure themselves together.

36. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical kit according to Claim 35, wherein said first connector element fits inside said second connector element, at least one of said connector elements having sufficient resilience to permit said connector elements to be fitted together into said mechanical engagement to secure themselves together.

37. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical kit according to Claim 36, wherein said second connector element has said resilience.

38. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical kit according to Claim 36, wherein said resilience is due at least in part to said second connector element having one or more portions with a notch.

39. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical kit according to Claim 36, wherein said first connector element has said resilience.

40. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical kit according to Claim 39, wherein said resilience is due at least in part to said first connector element having portions spaced apart from each other which can be squeezed together to bring said first

and second connector elements into said mechanical engagement and which are resilient against said second connector element to maintain said mechanical engagement.

41. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical kit according to Claim 36, wherein said first and second connector elements are at least approximately round.

42. (Currently Amended) A rhinoplastic surgical kit according to Claim 36, wherein said first and second connector elements are at least approximately polygonal.